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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJ: MBFR: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REPS MARCH 28

1. US REP HAD SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV  
AND KVITSINSKIY AT MARCH 28 CANADIAN RECEPTION.

2. IN THE TALK WITH KHLESTOV, THE LATTER REPEATEDLY URGED THE  
DESIRABILITY OF A SOCIAL OCCASION FOR ALL 19 DELEGATIONS HOSTED  
BY THE AUSTRIANS. US REP SAID HE WOULD THINK OVER THIS POSSIBI-  
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LITY, DISCUSS IT WITH HIS FRIENDS, AND LET KHLESTOV KNOW ALLIED VIEWS ON IT AT A LATER POINT.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH KVITSINSKIY, THE LATTER ASKED ABOUT REPEATED REPORTS OF ALLIED DESIRES TO HAVE AN EXTENSIVE EASTER BREAK. HE SAID THE SOVIETS DID NOT WANT SUCH A BREAK, OTHER THAN A FEW DAYS OFF FOR THE RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. US REP REPLIED, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED IN THE AD HOC GROUP, THAT THE ALLIES SAW NO NEED FOR A BREAK AND BELIEVED THERE WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING THE WORK OF THE PRESENT TALKS BY EASTER OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. US REP ASKED WHY THERE WAS AN APPARENT DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS TO STRETCH OUT THE QUADRIpartite CONSULTATIONS ON THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE. KVITSINSKIY WAS EVASIVE, BUT INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

5. KVITSINSKIY COMPLAINED OF AN ANSWER BY THE US PRESS REP TO A QUESTION BY A SWEDISH CORRESPONDENT WHO HAD ASKED WHO WOULD PAY THE EXPENSES OF UNUSED INTERPRETERS AND FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE AUSTRIANS. US PRESS REP ALLEGEDLY HAD SAID THAT THESE WOULD BE PRO- RATED AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS. KVITSINSKIY SAID THE SOVIETS CONSIDERED THE AUSTRIANS SHOULD PAY THESE EXPENSES. US REP SAID HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE THE RIGHT OUTCOME UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REQUEST FROM THE AUSTRIANS THAT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS PAY THESE EXPENSES.

6. US REP MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE AT END OF CONSULTATIONS. KVITSINSKIY SAID SOVIETS HAD BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF AN AGREED MINUTE, BUT INDICATED THEY WERE OPEN TO OTHER SUGGESTIONS. US REP SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME PUBLIC RECORD OF THE OUTCOME OF THE VIENNA CONSULTATIONS. KVITSINSKIY APPEARED TO AGREE. HUMES

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